

## Letter from Mabel Hubbard Bell to Alexander Graham Bell, August 12, 1876, with transcript

Letter from Miss Mabel Hubbard to Dr. Alexander Graham Bell. Cambridge, Sunday, Aug. 12th. (1876?) My dear Alec:

I am to write to you this once and no more unless you tell me to — so Papa says.

I have nothing to tell you. Sister and Auntie went and heard Mr. Bakewell preach, but a further difficulty appears. He is a regularly ordained minister living in the State, but he has no parish, and the question is, is marriage by such a minister legal? Papa thinks not, but is not sure and we have applied to Judge Pain and Mr. Russell, but they are both out of town. Sister wrote the note to Mr. Russell asking if such marriage would be legal for her ! Mamma says it seems very difficult to get Auntie married, however she hopes to do it. Mr. Bakewell is favored above all others because he looks neat and nice and it is hoped will wear a clean surplice. Dr. Lankton of Christ Church (the one who offered to marry you and Auntie) might do but he told lies in Geneva, Switzerland, and we prefer one who doesn't.

Grace is just going to afternoon church and wants to mail this, so in great haste.

Ever your, May.

All well -